

Prime Sheep Report

Wednesday 24th June 2026

On Wednesday 24th June, Penrith & District Farmers' Mart LLP held their weekly sale of 4,272 prime sheep, comprising of 777 prime lambs, 424 prime hogs, 561 lightweight collections of hogs and lambs & 2,510 cast ewes & rams.

Weight continues to attract premium prices, with handy-weight sheep showing resistance. A whole-sale average of 427p/kg (£186) was achieved.

Topping today's sale at 525p/kg (£231) was a pen of four Texel lambs weighing 44kg from Mr RA Crichton, Rottington Hall. This was closely followed by a single Suffolk lamb from RJ & RJ Benson, Kettleside Farm, weighing 46kg and selling at 522p/kg (£240).

A top price per head of £265 (457p/kg) was paid for a single 58kg Texel from Messrs JE & LM Raine & Son, Ravenwood. This was closely followed by a pair of 55kg Suffolks from Messrs DW Cannon & Son, Low Abey, which sold for £262 (476p/kg). This same home sold a superb run of 49 well-fed lambs to average 466ppk/£228.55/49kg.

The top consignment average of the day was achieved by RJ & RJ Benson, Kettleside Farm, whose five lambs averaged £236.80 per head.

Once again, Mr RA Crichton, Rottington Hall, sold a brilliant run of 60 Texel and Suffolk lambs, averaging 43kg, 460p/kg and £200.65 per head. Pure Cheviots sold to £250 for 54kg lamb from Dalveen Lamb.

Lambs continue to be in strong demand, and more are needed each week to satisfy buyer requirements. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have lambs to sell.

In the hogg section a reduced entry of 424 was forward, with heavy hogs continuing to sell well. A whole-sale average of 343p/kg (£165) was achieved.

The sale topped at £236 for three 68kg Suffolk hogs from Messrs T Armstrong & Son, Sceugh Dyke with this home selling other Suffolk hogs to £220 for 58kg. They also achieved 400p/kg for a pen of six 50kg hogs, which realised £200 per head, while another pen of two weighing 55kg sold for £210 per head.

A very pleasant surprise was witnessed in the ewe section with all classes up £20 per head on the week, with an overall sale average of £183.41 being achieved.

The sale topped at £345 from loyal weekly supporter, Mr William Morison, South Bogbain, always turning out excellent fed stock, for a pure Texel ewe, purchased by AJ Meats, Birmingham, with a further 23 ewes selling in excess of £300. Mr G Bell, Haas Side Farm, sold a run of 31 Texel X ewes to average a mind boggling £267.45, topping at £325 on three occasions.

For the first time ever the Suffolk section has averaged over £200, selling 420 ewes to average £205.97, topping at £270 with larger pens realising £236 x14, £228 x17, £228 x12, £218 x29, £217 x17.

The best Scotch Mule ewes topped at £206 for a pen of 17 from Mr B Duffton, Huntly. Horned ewes were a long way short of buyers' requirements, topping at £158 for a pen of 29 Scotch Blackface from South Bogbain, with Swaledales to £144 from Mr MW Bousfield, Hegdale.

Rams again sold with great ease, topping at £276 for a pair of Texels, with numerous pens £250 plus.

All classes are needed to fulfil the demand every week here at Penrith. Our next sale will be held on Wednesday 1st July. Please advise entries to Andrew Maughan on 07717 611952 or Paul Gardner on 07552 589141.

Leading Prices

Prime Lambs £/head

Texel - £265, £260, £222, £206 Ravenwood; £260, £232, £230, £220 Garth House; £240, £232 Fell End; £236 South Field Farm; £231, £225, £215 Rottington Hall; £226 Holme House; £224 Hermitage; £218 Newstead Grange; £210 Gale Croft; £210 Leigh Croft; £206 High Head Chapel; £203 Cliburn Hall; £200 South Field Farm

Suffolk - £262, £240, £238, £237, £218 (2), £212 Low Abbey; £240, £236 Kettleside Farm; £240 Macey Bank; £238, £214 Rottington Hall; £234, £214 Holme House; £232, £211 West End; £208 Cliburn Hall; £205 Villa Farm

Cheviot - £250, £234 Dalveen

Charollais - £220 (2) Thackwood

Beltex - £211 Ravenwood

Prime Lambs p/kg

Texel - 525.0, 511.0, 500.0, 453.0 Rottington Hall; 491.0, 472.0, 457.0, 448.0 Ravenwood; 488.0 Gale Croft; 483.0, 471.0 Fell End; 477.0, 452.0, 442.0 Hermitage; 473.0 Garth House; 467.0, 459.0, 441.0, 440.0 Newbiggin Farm; 467.0, 441.0 Leigh Croft; 463.0 Burblethwaite; 461.0 Holme House; 454.0 South Field Farm; 445.0 Newstead Grange; 441.0 Cliburn Hall

Suffolk - 522.0, 492.0 Kettleside Farm; 486.0, 458.0, 449.0, 430.0 (2) Rottington Hall; 484.0, 476.0, 471.0, 467.0, 464.0 (2), 451.0 Low Abbey; 471.0 Macey Bank; 464.0, 459.0 West End; 442.0, 437.0 Holme House; 435.0 Shire Lodge; 433.0 Cliburn Hall; 431.0 High Head Chapel; 427.0 Villa Farm

Beltex - 491.0 Ravenwood; 482.0, 438.0 Waterside Farm

Cheviot - 478.0, 463.0 Dalveen

Charollais - 458.0, 448.0 Thackwood

Prime Hoggs £/head

Suffolk - £236, £220, £200 Sceugh Dyke; £220 Hallrigg; £208 Cottage Farm

Texel - £230, £202 West Stobswood Farm; £230, £220, £218, £216 Sceugh Dyke; £216 Holme House; £202 Ennerdale; £200 Cottage Farm

Charollais - £228 Cottage Farm

Dorset - £202 Holme House

Mule - £180 Cottage Farm; £170 Sceugh Dyke

Dutch Spotted - £180 Holme House

Swaledale - £170 Cottage Farm

Scotch Blackfaced - £169 (2) West Stobswood Farm; £160, £150 Sceugh Dyke; £152 Tillybo

Prime Hoggs p/kg

Texel - 400.0, 379.0, 372.0 Sceugh Dyke; 391.0, 383.0, 381.0, 353.0 West Stobswood Farm; 388.0 Ennderdale; 362.0 Nutholm Farm; 360.0 Holme House; 355.0 Cottage Farm

Suffolk - 400.0, 379.0 Sceugh Dyke; 370.0 West Stobswood Farm

Charollais - 356.0 Cottage Farm

Scotch Blackfaced - 353.0, 345.0 (2) West Stobswood Farm; 341.0 Sceugh Dyke

Cheviot - 333.0, 330.0 Greenbank Farm

Mule - 327.0 Sceugh Dyke

Swaledale - 321.0 Cottage Farm; 321.0 Sceugh Dyke

Cast Ewes £/head

Texel (Av £257.68) - £345, £258 (2), £252 Greenacres; £325 (3), £300, £276, £270 (2), £258, £245, £238, £234 Haas Side Farm; £325, £300 (3), £296, £290, £275, £258, £230 Lane End; £300, £292, £276, £242 Holme House; £264, £260, £250 Manister Road; £262 Garth House; £258, £242, £224 Greensyke Farm; £238 Drumcrow Road; £230 Ballymena Road; £226, £220 Ballymaderphy Road

Charollais (Av £239.04) - £300, £275 Haas Side Farm; £300, £224 Mains of Balhall Farm; £262 (3), £222 Holme House; £258 (2) Lane End; £250, £224, £222 Ballymena Road; £226, £220 Manister Road; £222 Tarn End

Continental (Av £192.78) - £280 Haas Side Farm; £268, £252, £234, £224 Drumcrow Road; £260, £224, £221 Thethwaite Farm; £260, £224 Greensyke Farm; £258, £252, £245, £228 (2), £224 (2), £220 Tarn End; £258, £250 Ballymena Road; £258 Ballymaderphy Road; £254, £229 Manister Road; £240, £222 Lane End; £240 Starrah; £238 (2), £226, £224 Holme House; £235, £232 Mains of Balhall Farm; £234, £222 Glaslyn House; £226 Newstead Grange; £224 Hop-perhill

Suffolk (Av £205.97) - £270, £245, £212 (2) Tarn End; £268, £237, £236, £228, £218 (2) Lane End; £258, £248, £230, £216 Ballymena Road; £245, £236, £228 (2), £218, £212 Holme House; £236, £234, £222 Greenacres; £236 Macey Bank; £218 (2) Rockcliffe Farm; £218 Kettle-side Farm; £214, £213 Drumcrow Road; £214 West Stobswood Farm; £213 Ballymaderphy Road

Beltex (Av £212.35) - £236 West Stobswood Farm; £234 Drumcrow Road

Blue Texel - £236 Tarn End

Cheviot Mule (Av £182.32) - £224 Holme House

Mule (Av £166.96) - £206, £184, £178 Lane End; £192, £180 Holme House; £190, £178 Greenacres; £184, £174 Kettleside Farm; £180 Thethwaite Farm; £175 Ballymaderphy Road; £174 (2) Westhills; £174 Ballymena Road; £172 Rockcliffe Farm

Dorset (Av £192.50) - £200 Greenacres

Cheviot (Av £152.77) - £196 (2), £180, £166 Lane End; £196 Greenbank Farm; £184 Greenacres; £184 Red Squirrel Terrace; £176 Mellgates; £173 Drumcrow Road; £170 Skelling Farm; £167, £160 West Stobswood Farm; £160 Welton Farm

Bluefaced Leicester - £196 Lane End

Zwartble (Av £170.00) - £170 Greenacres

Wensleydale - £170 Ellonby Hall Bungalow

Scotch Blackfaced (Av £136.99) - £158, £146 Greenacres; £148, £138 Tarn End; £147 Thethwaite Farm; £145 Lane End; £144 Starrah; £144 Holme House; £140 West Stobswood Farm; £138 Drumcrow Road

Easycare (Av £141.65) - £150 Lane End; £150 Nutholm Farm; £144 Manister Road; £144 Ballymena Road

Swaledale (Av £110.81) - £144, £130 Hegdale; £136 Crosby Lodge

Herdwick (Av £114.67) - £120 Fell Hill

Shetland - £106 Lane End

Cast Rams £/head

Continental - £276 Manister Road; £268 Lane End; £262 Drumcrow Road

Beltex - £272 Lane End

Suffolk - £268 Holme House; £224 Low Abbey

Bluefaced Leicester - £268 Lane End

Texel - £268 Mill Farm

Charollais - £252 Holme House

Cheviot - £222 Greenacres; £200 West Stobswood Farm

Dutch Spotted - £204 Manister Road

Swaledale - £162 Lane End